

**Stanislaus County Public Works Department and  
California Department of Transportation  
Date of Notice: May 26, 2021**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
DRAFT CEQA INITIAL STUDY-MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS-MND) / NEPA ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT (EA)

**PROJECT TITLE:** Faith Home Road and Garner Road Expressway Project

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Central Stanislaus County between the cities of Modesto and Ceres.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Stanislaus County Public Works Department, working in cooperation with California Department of Transportation and the Stanislaus Council of Governments, proposes to construct a two-lane expressway from the existing Faith Home Road and Hatch Road intersection north to the Garner Road and Finch Road intersection. The proposed Project would improve circulation between existing State Route (SR) 132 and SR 99. A detailed project description is included in Chapter 1 of the environmental document.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** This public notice is to inform the public of the availability of the Draft Initial Study /Environmental Assessment (IS/EA), pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the, for the above-described project. The project **is not** listed on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List as set forth in Government Code Section 65962.5.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (PM10 & PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM10 and PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** A 30-day public review period for the IS/EA will commence on May 26, 2021 and end on June 25, 2021 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the IS/EA must be received by Stanislaus County Public Works Department at the physical address or email address below within the public review period. Copies of the IS/EA are available for review at the County Public Works Office at the physical address below and on the County's website <http://www.stancounty.com/publicworks/projects.shtm>. The IS/EA is also available at the Ceres City Hall (2220 Magnolia Street, Ceres). This matter has been tentatively set for Board of Supervisors consideration at a regularly scheduled meeting in July 2021.

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